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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/727,866	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KATAGIRI ET AL.	
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#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 6/14/07.
2. Claims 1-13 are pending in this application; and, claims 1, 10 and 12 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. This action is made Final.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Yoon.

As per claim 1, although Kim teaches an information supplying method comprising a step of causing a user to select, from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used by the user (col. 15, lines 17-18) a step of searching a plurality of items of content for particular content reproducible with the data reproducing equipment and a step of supplying the user with content displaying information indicative of the particular content searched out by said step of searching (col. 15, lines 11-20), Kim does not explicitly disclose a registration step that includes a user registering user associated data, e.g. an ascertained media compatibility type of user-selected data reproducing equipment, to be used in searching a plurality of items of content for a particular content for display. Yoon teaches a registration step that includes a user registering user associated data,

e.g. an ascertained media compatibility type of user-selected data reproducing equipment, to be used in searching a plurality of items of content for a particular content for display (paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to incorporate the method of Yoon with the method of Kim in order to provide users with an integrated management method and system for differing multimedia files to be conveniently registered for user access.

As per claim 2, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein the content displaying information is information fused for reference by the user in designating desired content deliverable via a communication network, i.e. the content or information displayed is information used for reference by the user in choosing/designating desired content deliverable via a communication network (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]).

As per claim 3, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein said step of registering is capable of registering a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment for each user (Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]; Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20), and said step of searching searches for content usable only in particular data reproducing equipment currently set in a search mode from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; *content usable only in a particular data reproducing equipment are currently set in a search mode by user selection of the particular data reproducing equipment among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment;*

Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]; *data registered in association with the user and used in searching for a particular content*).

As per claim 4, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein said step of searching including a step of setting a desired one of the plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, registered in association with the user, in the search mode in response to a selection by the user (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]).

As per claim 5, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein said step of setting includes a step of causing the user to select the desired one of the plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, registered in association with the user, via a display terminal of the user (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]).

As per claim 6, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein said step of supplying presents, on a display terminal of the user, the content displaying information indicative of the searched out content (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; *information on the result of the search based on a user's selection are sent to the user and displayed on the user's computer*, Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]).

As per claim 7, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method comprises a step of allowing the user to make a selection for receiving a part or whole of content corresponding to the content displaying information supplied by said step of supplying (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]).

As per claim 8, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein said step of searching is carried out in response to a request made by a particular user (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20).

As per claim 9, the modified Kim teaches an information supplying method wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said method is performed by using at least one of a computer of said server apparatus and a computer of said client terminal (Kim: col. 15, lines 11-20; *server 10, client 11*; Yoon: paragraphs [0051]-[0053] and [0056]).

Claims 10 and 12 are individually similar in scope to claim 1 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 11 and 13 are individually similar in scope to claim 9 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's argument with respect to claim 1 has been considered but is moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP §

706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

### ***Inquires***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lê Nguyen whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4068**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached at (571) 272-4063.

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